

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

SCAG SPOTLIGHT



Legislation and Policy Affecting Our Region

January 2013

RC Report

Highlights from the Regional Council Meeting

JANUARY 3, 2013



Former RC Member and newly elected Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva of Fullerton receives SCAG proclamation; HCD Director Linn Warren takes questions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – SCAG's Regional Council presented a Proclamation to former Regional Council Member and newly elected Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva, who will represent the 65th Assembly District in the State Legislature. She will serve as Chair of the Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions, the Select Committee on Job Creation for the New Economy and member of the Transportation Committee. California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Director Linn Warren presented to the Regional Council today on finding sustainable funding sources for affordable housing and developing housing to meet the needs of veterans, disabled persons and the homeless. He described recent administrative changes being implemented by HCD intended to benefit local jurisdictions and the associated review and approval time needed by HCD staff. Mr. Warren expressed his appreciation of the working relationship between SCAG staff and HCD.

ACTION – 2013 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

APPROVED - The Regional Council voted today to approve SCAG's 2013 State Federal and Legislative Priorities. The approved priorities address a wide-range of issues and challenges facing the Southern California region, including transportation, infrastructure finance, project streamlining, Cap & Trade, economic growth and job creation, criminal justice realignment, affordable housing and community redevelopment. These principles will be the foundation for a discussion with State legislators when a SCAG-led delegation visits Sacramento February 20, 2013. Click [here](#) for a complete list of the agency's 2013 State Legislative Priorities.

From the Executive director

Additional News for the Month

Workshop on CalEnviroScreen draft Tool and Follow-up - SCAG hosted a Workshop to discuss the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Draft Tool (CalEnviroScreen) currently being developed by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA). The purpose of this tool is to screen the environmental health of California's communities based on cumulative environmental impacts. The Revised Draft Tool of CalEnviroScreen will be presented at the Cal/EPA's Cumulative Impact Precautionary Approach (CIPA) Workgroup on January 11, 2013, followed by a public comment period through January. Cal/EPA staff will also be available to meet with SCAG to discuss and review tool specifics, such as data and indicator weighting. A summary of the Workshop is available at: www.scag.ca.gov/new.htm#calEPA.

2013 SCAG Scholarship Program Applications

Available - Applications are available now for the SCAG Scholarship Program, now in its fourth year. Applications and scholarship program information and requirements are available at: www.scag.ca.gov/scholarship. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 8, 2013.

Imperial County Sanctions Will Be Lifted

On December 17, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed approval of the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District's (ICAPCD) revised fugitive dust rules that regulate emissions of inhalable particulate matter. In July 2010 EPA partially disapproved ICAPCD's rules to control fugitive dust from local sources and a highway sanction has been effect in the County since August 2012. The removal of the sanction will result in no job loss and no impact on transportation projects.

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May 2-3, 2013

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JANUARY

- 18th** High-Speed Rail & Transit Subcommittee Meeting
- 21st** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – SCAG Offices Closed
- 22nd** Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 28th** Joint Mtg of Goods Movement & Transportation Finance Subcommittees

FEBRUARY

- 1st** Deadline for Resolutions & Bylaws to SCAG GA
- 7th** Regional Council & Policy Committee Meetings
- 11th** Goods Movement Subcommittee Meeting
- 15th** High-Speed Rail & Transit Subcommittee Meeting
- 20th** SCAG Legislative Day/Sacramento

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